

Life of worship

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Only one master

Matthew 6 ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.^[1]

God is a jealous God

Deut 6 v14-15 ¹⁴You shall not go after other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who are round about you;
¹⁵For the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; lest the anger of the Lord your God be kindled against you, and He destroy you from the face of the earth.

Definition of Worship

Worship is the adoring **response** of all that the believer is - mind, emotions, will and body - to all that God is and says and does.
It is the act of freely giving love to God.

Another definition - "it is the **response** of the human spirit to a manifestation of the glory of God." The word "worship" comes from an old English word meaning "worthship". To worship God is to express His worth.

Therefore Worship is an Response – Psalm 24

Psalm 24 is broken up into three parts:

•**Part 1:** has a revelation of God, first he acknowledges that God is the creator and ruler of all.

¹ *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof,^[1]
the world and those who dwell therein,
²for he has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.*

•**Part 2:** He defines the type of person that will be able to stand in His presence.

³ Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not lift up his soul to what is false
and does not swear deceitfully.
⁵ He will receive blessing from the LORD
and righteousness from the God of his salvation.
⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.^[1]
Selah

Part 3: Worship God as King!!

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And be lifted up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
⁸ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle!
⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates!
And lift them up, O ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?
The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory!
Selah

Moses on Mt Sinai:

Exodus 33 – Moses sees God's Glory.

17And the Lord said to Moses, I will do this thing also that you have asked, for you have found favor, loving-kindness, and mercy in My sight and I know you personally and by name.

18And Moses said, I beseech You, show me Your glory.

19And God said, I will make all My goodness pass before you, and I will proclaim My name, THE LORD, before you; for I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy and loving-kindness on whom I will show mercy and loving-kindness.

20But, He said, You can not see My face, for no man shall see Me and live.

21And the Lord said, Behold, there is a place beside Me, and you shall stand upon the rock,

22And while My glory passes by, I will put you in a cleft of the rock and cover you with My hand until I have passed by.

23Then I will take away My hand and you shall see My back; but My face shall not be seen.

The Worshipers response:

1. Thankfulness:

Heb 12:28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful and worship God in reverence and fear in a way that pleases him.

Phil 4 v12

¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

2. Sanctification – Holy Life

1Pe 1:15 Instead, just as the one who called you is holy, be holy in every aspect of your life.

3. Repentance

Rom 2:4 Or do you think so little of the riches of his kindness, forbearance, and patience, not realizing that it is God's kindness that is leading you to repentance?

4. Humbleness

Rom 12:16 Live in harmony with each other. Do not be arrogant, but associate with humble people. Do not think that you are wiser than you really are.

Jas 4:6 But he gives all the more grace. And so he says, "God opposes the arrogant but gives grace to the humble."

Rom 12:3 For by the grace given to me I ask every one of you not to think of yourself more highly than you should think, rather to think of yourself with sober judgment on the measure of faith that God has assigned each of you.

5. Faith:

2Co 5:7 For we live by faith, not by sight.

Mat 21:21 Jesus answered them, "Truly I tell you, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only will you be able to do what has been done to the fig tree, but you will also say to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen.

6. Faith that leads to Righteousness – (in right standing with God)

Rom 1:17 For in it God's righteousness is being revealed from faith to faith, as it is written, "The righteous will live by faith."

Rom 4:13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law, but through the righteousness produced by faith.

Rom 4:17 As it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations." Abraham acted in faith when he stood in God's presence, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence things that don't even exist.

Great reward - Royal Priesthood – a privilege

1 Peter 2

⁴As you come to Him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, ⁵ you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people: once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Philippians 2

Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

Because ultimately..... Every knee will bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is King